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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115;
- 2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- Form PTO/SB/08A (one (1) sheet) listing eight (8) documents (US2-US4 and FP5-FP9);
- 4. Form PTO/SB/08B (one (1) sheet) listing one (1) document (NPL3); and
- 5. Copies of cited documents (FP5-FP9 and NPL3).

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